Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 20 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 21 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 19 Jan 2022 at 14:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the return to milder westerly winds from Friday onwards. Lower for the extent of rainfall over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 20 Jan 2022: Breezy with isolated snow showers and bright or sunny spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 20 Jan 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Clear night	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	20%	20%	10%	<05%	10%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 20 Jan 2022

Weather: Snow showers will gradually fade through the early hours. Then a cloudy but bright start with a widespread frost, then sunny spells developing through the day, especially so across Loch Lomond and the Trossachs. Cloud will thicken and gradually lower through evening, bringing patchy snowfall to munro level and above late evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above around 1000m through morning, these lifting a little through the day. Away from these, visibility will be very good through daylight hours. Cloud starts to descend more widely down to 400-600m through late evening, particularly so across Glencoe and the Nevis range.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	30/37 N	29/35 N	27/32 N	22/26 W	21/27 W	20/25 NW	17/21 W	18/23 W	18/23 W
900	19/25 N	14/20 NW	15/20 NW	13/18 W	15/20 W	12/17 NW	11/16 W	12/18 W	13/18 W
600	14/18 N	11/16 NW	10/14 N	12/16 SW	13/18 W	11/15 SW	10/15 SW	12/17 SW	12/17 SW
300	11/16 N	9/12 NW	6/9 NW	5/8 SW	7/10 W	7/11 W	6/10 W	6/9 W	6/10 SW
Glen	5/11 NW	4/8 NW	3/6 W	3/6 W	3/10 W	6/10 W	3/6 W	3/7 W	4/10 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-8/-18	-8/-18	-7/-16	-6/-14	-5/-13	-4/-12	-4/-11	-4/-11	-3/-10
900	-5/-12	-5/-12	-4/-11	-4/-9	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6
600	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-6	-1/-6	0/-4	1/-3	1/-3	1/-3	1/-3
300	0/-4	-0/-4	0/-3	1/-1	3/-0	4/1	3/1	3/1	3/1
Glen	2/-1	1/-1	1/-0	2/1	4/3	5/3	4/3	4/3	5/3
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	100m	300m	500m	600m	700m	700m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Largely dry conditions but note the significant wind chill. Be aware of deteriorating conditions after dark.

Forecast for Friday 21 Jan 2022

Weather: Westerly winds will bring milder air and extensive cloud, this leading to patchy rain or drizzle and summit snow across all areas, but the West Coast ranges will take the worst of this. Largely dry with some brighter spells for the Trossachs. Poor visibility will be the main hazard.

Maximum wind: West 15-25mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10%.

Visibility: Generally quite limited and dull with extensive cloud shrouding most ground above 400-500m. Highest ground may break through the top of the cloud, but low confidence for this at this stage. Some breaks possible across the sheltered east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 or 4 Celsius rising 7 or 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Around freezing.
Freezing level: 1000-1200m.

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